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NOTICE.

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Hongkong, March 24, 1908. 462

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It is hereby notified for the information of Subscribers and Guests, that FANCY DRESS is optional for guests. It is hoped that Subscribers will attend in FANCY DRESS COSTUME. All names of guests to be forwarded to the Secretary not later than the 1st of April.
Tickets for Guests, \$2.50.
J. J. BLAKE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 24, 1908. 463

NOTICE.

THE GOODWILL, Business and Business Effects of the late WILLIAM DANBY, Architect and Civil Engineer, in Hongkong and Canton, here this day being agreed to be sold by the Executrix to Messrs LEIGH & ORANGE.
All claims against the Estate of the late WILLIAM DANBY in respect of such business will be liquidated by us on behalf of the said Executrix.
WILKINSON & GRIST,
Solicitors.
Hongkong, March 17, 1908. 465

NOTICE.

WE, the Undersigned, having purchased the GOODWILL, BUSINESS and EFFECTS of the late WILLIAM DANBY will carry on such business at our Offices in Prince's Building, Victoria, Hongkong, and No. 158, Shameen, Canton, under the style of 'LEIGH & ORANGE.' We have taken into partnership in Canton, Mr. CHRISTOPHER BOSWORTH THOMAS, for many years Managing Assistant to the late WILLIAM DANBY, who takes charge of our CANTON OFFICE. All communications with reference to Hongkong should be addressed to us at our Office here, and with reference to Canton to us at our Office there.
LEIGH & ORANGE.
Hongkong, March 24, 1908. 466

NOTICE.

MR WALTER OTTO having left China ceases to sign our Firm per procuration from this date.
MR PAUL HELL has this day been authorized to sign our Firm's name per procuration.
KRUSE & CO.
Hongkong, March 18, 1908. 482

NOTICE.

I have this day established myself in practice as an ARCHITECT and SURVEYOR at No. 24, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, and at SHAMEEN, CANTON.
A. ABDOLRAHIM,
24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
Hongkong, March 20, 1908. 469

NOTICE.

DURING Mr G. R. MEDHURST'S absence from the Colony Mr EDGAR GEORGE E. BARNETT is appointed MANAGER of DODWELL & Co., Ltd.
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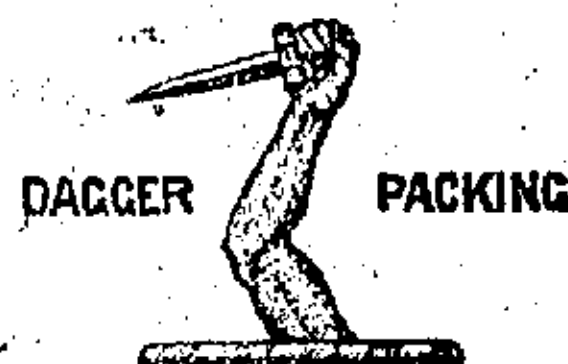
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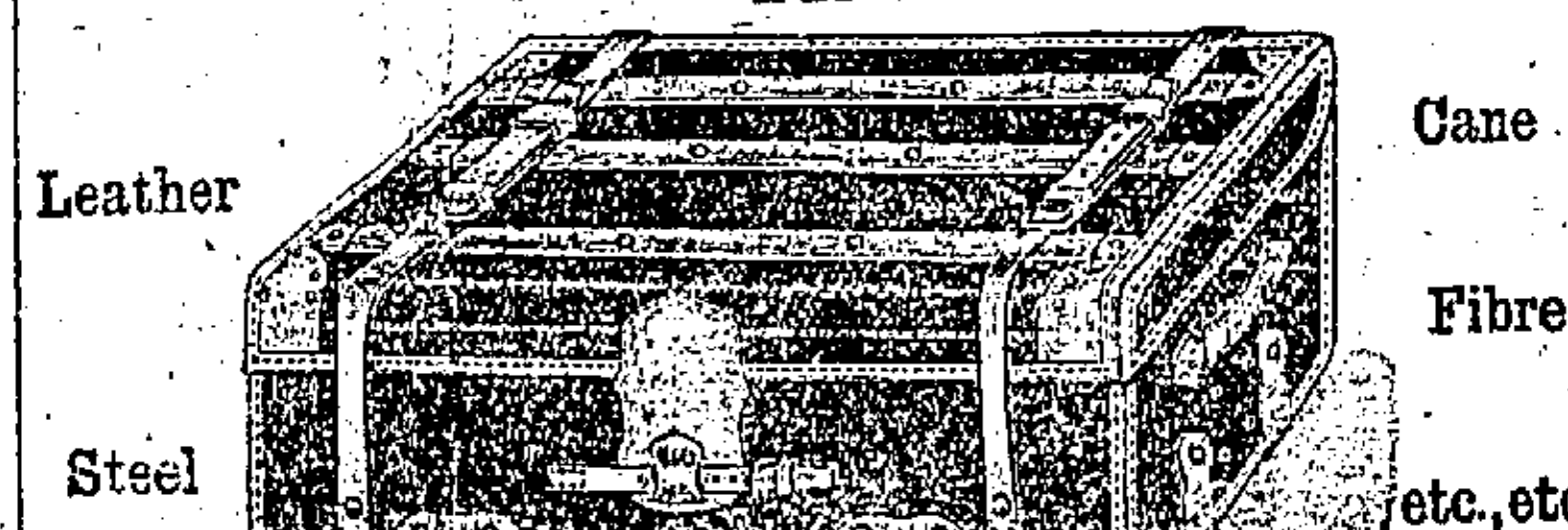
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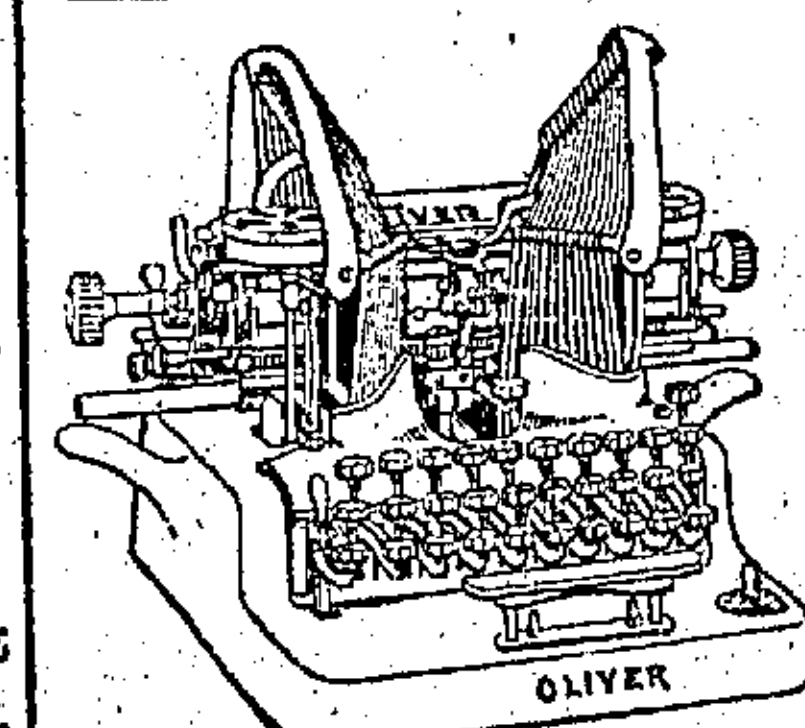
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Noon—Meeting of The China-Borneo
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Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine, Matheson
Co.'s Office.12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hsiao Sagar Re-
fining Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine,
Matheson & Co.'s Office.

Auction.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture, at Windsor Lodge, Kimberley
Road, Kowloon.

Amusements.

9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per Leather Cuffs undelivered
after this date subject to rent.Goods per Lightning undelivered after
2 p.m. this date will be landed.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, March 27:—

2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture, at 'Abergeldie,' No. 122, Plan-
tation Road, Peak.5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Volun-
teer Reserve Association in City Hall.Goods per Revenue undelivered after
this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, March 28:—

12.30 p.m.—Meeting of The Paris Toilet
Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.Goods per Para not cleared at 4 p.m.
on this date subject to rent.

MONDAY, March 30:—

11 a.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture, at No. 14, Austin Avenue, Kow-
loon.2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture, at 'Dunelm,' No. 82, the
Peak.Noon—Meeting of The Hongkong Rope
Manufacturing Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.5.30 p.m.—Meeting of The Phoenix Club,
Ltd., at Club's premises.Goods per Kowloon undelivered after noon
this date subject to rent.Goods per Indravadi not cleared on this
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FRIDAY, April 3:—

Fancy Dress Ball, held by Scottish Ma-
sonic Association.

SATURDAY, April 4:—

9 p.m.—Grand Variety Concert in City
Hall.

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Letters relating to business should be addressed
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TARIFF REFORM.

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the United States of America as well
as in Great Britain. But the Tariff
Reformers in Great Britain are en-
deavouring to build a low but effective
tariff wall between the Homeland and
non-British countries while the
American Tariff Reformers are bent
upon decreasing their wall so as to
give competitors a chance of climbing
over. One of the special telegrams
which were enabled by the courtesy
of the "New York Herald" to publish
yesterday, stated that President Roose-
velt and the Republican leaders had
agreed to make Tariff Reform a live
issue. This information is the more
significant as it was the Republican
party which inflicted the present tariff
on America and which has hitherto
resolutely refused even to rectify the
numerous glaring anomalies that its
working has exposed. It is true that
Mr. Roosevelt has before this expressed
himself in favour of a revision of the
tariff but he has refrained from fixing
any definite period when such revision
should claim the attention of Congress.In a word, the "Standpaters" those
who objected to the alteration of a
dot or a comma in the tariff, have
hitherto won the day, many things
have led up to the Republican party
realising that reform of the tariff would
have to come. The fact that residents
in foreign lands were able to buy
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an exorbitant price for precisely
similar articles and commodities con-
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for theirs. But the chief reason for
the resolve to reform the tariff is
undoubtedly the virgorous campaign
which has been carried on in other
directions, against "predatory wealth."The logical outcome of the war against
trusts and combinations is an attack
on the tariff which is itself the root of
the evil. Vast accumulations of
wealth have been built up behind the
tariff wall and the Republicans
have recognised that it is futile
to endeavour to deal with the effect
while ignoring the cause. It might be
alleged that we are illogical in claiming
that Tariff Reform is to be commended
in Great Britain just as it is in America.
But a little consideration will show
that such an attitude is absolutely
logical. The British Tariff Reformers
do not want protection. Their aim is
a tariff that will enable a great inter-
national trade to be developed where-
by the overseas possessions will supply
to an increased extent the wants of the
Mother Country and in return purchase
more from her. It is evident that to
accomplish such a purpose a British
tariff is absolutely necessary. Tariffs
exist in all the self-governing colonies
and it would be impossible for an
equitable arrangement to be made
unless the Homeland were in a posi-
tion to give the colonies some prefer-
ence over foreign countries. The idea,
to use a homely phrase, is to keep the
money in the family, and that is a
desire to which no genuine Britisher
can take exception. Thus we are per-
fectly consistent in declaring that the
erection of a tariff wall in Great
Britain will be beneficial to that
country while affirming that a sensible
reduction in the height of the wall
round America will be fraught with
advantage to Americans. We are
enabled with a clear conscience to
applaud the decision of the Republi-
cans. We must however record a
word of sympathy for the Democrats,
most of whose political clothes have
been stolen already by the Republicans.
Now a garment which they have been
wont to consider as peculiarly their
own has been filched from them and
they are in imminent danger of enter-
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CHINESE LABOUR AGAIN.

LIVELY DEBATE IN THE COMMONS.

Attack on the Government.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, March 24.

The Right Hon. Alfred Lyttelton has raised a debate on Chinese labour in the House of Commons. He charged the Government with a deliberate breach of pledges by sanctioning the extension of the conditions of indentured labour, which they had denounced for years.

Mr Winston Churchill, in reply, said that there was no question on which the Government had been more completely vindicated.

The debate was of the most lively character, and it is believed that it was raised owing to the polling for the Puckham bye-election taking place to-day.

SEVERE STORMS IN THE STATES.

GREAT DAMAGE AND LOSS OF LIFE.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, March 24.

Telegrams from New Orleans report that a severe wind and rainstorm are raging in Louisiana, the Mississippi valley and Alabama. Much damage has been done to property and many lives have been lost.

Several small towns are reported to have been swept away.

THE U. S. FLEET.

INVITED TO CHINA.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, March 24.

Washington advises that China has invited the American battleship fleet to visit the country.

RUSSIAN AMBITION.

Doubling the Siberian Line.

LONDON, March 23.

The Russian Minister of Finance in a speech to the Budget Committee of the Duma, urged the pressing political necessity of a second Trans-Siberian Railway. Both are not postponable, and must be constructed within the next five years at an approximate cost of Rbs. 360,000,000.

The extraordinary expenditure for national defence for the same period will total Rbs. 320,000,000, and new loans and taxes are inevitable.

EUROPEAN RAILWAYS.

LONDON, March 23.

Greece has formally applied to the Porte to sanction a line to Linking, Larissa and Salonika, with a Directorate in London.

THE EAST INDIA DOCKS.

LONDON, March 23.

The directors of the London India Docks recommend the acceptance of an offer of the Board of Trade to purchase a part of the latter's Port of London scheme. The stock rose 3 points.

WIRELESS.

LONDON, March 23.

The Italians have decided to establish powerful wireless stations on the Benadiri coast, the chief of which will be at Mogadoro. It is expected that the stations will be able to even communicate with India.

SOUTH MANCHURIAN RAILWAY.

Another Loan.

LONDON, March 23.

The "Asahi" states that negotiations are in progress at Tokyo between the representatives of a French Syndicate and the South Manchurian Railway Company for a loan to the amount of ¥40,000,000 to the latter. The Company intends to use the money for the improvement of the Mukden-Aitong line. It is believed that the loan will be contracted at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, the Company receiving ¥95 per ¥100 of the face value.

FOR RHEUMATIC SUFFERERS.

THE quick relief from pain afforded by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm makes it a favorite with sufferers from rheumatism, sciatica, lame back, lumbago, and dead aching and muscular pains. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

THE BOYCOTT.

THE WAIWUPU AND THE BOYCOTT.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

PEKING, March 24.

It is understood that the Japanese Minister has repeatedly communicated with the Waiwupu and the latter has wired to the Viceroy of Lingkiang and Liangkang relating to the boycott.

PROPAGATION WORK.

A Strong Feeling.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, March 23.

In spite of the fact that the Self-Government Society has been closed the Committee and members of the Society are doing their utmost to maintain the boycott. Pamphlets are being circulated throughout the City, and preachers are being sent out to preach boycott to all neighbouring cities, and on land and at sea. Numbers of these preachers are to be seen on board passenger junks and Canton river steamers.

A Sub-Committee has been formed in Wuchow, Tak-Hing and Kongmoon, and arrangements are being made to boycott Japanese Insurance Companies.

The scheme is to boycott all Chinese firms who are discovered to accept Japanese Fire Insurance Policies. Pun and Fung of Canton have laid down 830,000 for the immediate establishment of a match factory and applications for shares in their establishment are coming with rapidity.

A declaration has been made that the profits of this company, after deducting allowance for the return of capital, will all go to the fund for the maintenance of the Boycotting Committee of the Self-Government Society.

Telegrams from Chinese abroad express great sorrow, deploring the imminent destruction of the Chinese Empire resultant from the action of the Waiwupu in the matter of the release of the Tatsu Maru II and Yuan Shih Kai is held to be a traitor and severely condemned. The messages are bitterly worded, and declare that all possible steps will be taken to oust the Japanese since the Imperial Government was unable to get redress.

A Patriot Society has been formed at Wuchow which will hereafter press the boycott.

Wong-lin, a place near Kunchuk, on the West River, was the scene of a big conflagration brought about by the burning of Japanese goods. In some small cities and in many obscure parts of Canton, mourning ceremonies and demonstrations took place which means mourning for the destruction of the Empire.

At all business centres where the case of the Tatsu Maru II was made known to the populace, tears were seen, cursing down many a cheek, and those who were about and who wore clothes made from Japanese cloth, tore them up in the presence of the public.

Piece goods firms and native dispensaries met privately in the Clubs of the respective guilds yesterday at 2 p.m. and a resolution was passed that no more goods were to be ordered from Japan. Telegrams to their Hongkong agents to that effect were coded in the presence of the meeting and dated.

The resolution is written and posted up on the door of each firm.

The boycott in Hongkong is being strongly supported.

The Nam Pak Hongs, which are the greatest Chinese firms in the Colony, and the Nippon Chwang, have agreed in response to representations from the Self-Government Society to join in the boycott. It is understood that no public meeting will be held, but a circular has been signed by many firms undertaking to order no more Japanese goods.

The native papers in Hongkong and Canton have already expressed satisfaction at the unanimity of the people of Kwangtung, and although no actual advocacy has been made to urge the boycott—in which case it is feared officials of both places would interfere—comments are made indirectly asking the people not to conduct the boycott in the same way as was the one against America many years ago. The people are called upon to maintain it for such long time as the requisite articles can be produced by China.

Circulars have been received by the Chinese press in South China for a meeting to be held to order no more paper from Japan for newspaper use. Newspapers at Swatow and Foochow are requested to send a proxy to Canton, where the meeting will be held privately.

The Educational Department at Canton has met with difficulty in raising funds for the purpose of replacing the Japanese professors at the various colleges at Canton. It resolves that they will be paid according to the agreements and it is proposed to invite subscriptions.

ADMIRAL LI CHUN.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, March 24.

At a dinner party with Admiral Li Chun yesterday, the latter stated that he was expecting, at any moment, a decree from the Throne cashiering him on account of the Tatsu Maru case, and as a consequence he thought it better to resign before the order is issued. He said he would thus enjoy better credit with the people.

SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From Our Correspondent.)

EDINBURGH, February 21.

The question of the day is, "Have you had it?" and should the answer be "No," there is always the careful addition, "not yet." Of course, the reference is to the mysterious scourge of the influenza. Striking you unexpectedly, and quickly coming to a head, the worst point about the disease is the subtleness of its after effects.

You may recover quickly from what appears to be no more than a severe influenza cold of the familiar type, and then you are pulled up with an attack of the heart, or bronchitis, or pneumonia. The speed with which it comes, the provoking point about the poison is that we know as much about it now as when it first came among us, and that is practically nothing. Its favourite haunt is said to be, not the dust speck about which we are so often warned as the carriers of other diseases, but the minute globe of water which goes to make up our fog.

Some doctors, therefore are preaching the strange doctrine to us in these days of shut windows and breathe stale air. Be these things as they may, it is comforting to believe that the "flu" has once more reached a stage in its cycle when it has lost most of its virulence, and that there is a prospect of a deliverance from the disease, until another cycle commences.

A man of well-known name has passed away in the person of Mr Alexander G. Burnett of Kenney, Garloch, in Aberdeenshire. He was prominent in politics, and although a Liberal was opposed to County Councils and the School Board system.

James Campbell White, Lord Overton, has died at his residence in Dumfries-shire, after a short illness. It was said that "the signing of cheques was his chief occupation," and all in the way of liberality. Primarily, no doubt, his open hand was associated with his Church, that of the Disruption; but there were few good causes in Glasgow and the West of Scotland that did not benefit from his gifts.

He was the head of a great chemical manufacturing firm, and at one time he was bitterly attacked by the Socialists for the manner of his management; of late years, however, no word was raised against him in any quarter. By his Lordship's death, the title becomes extinct.

The late Mr J. D. G. Dalrymple of Woodhead, Kirkcaldy, F. S. A. Lons. and Scot., has left £2,000 for the endowment of the Dalrymple Lectureship of Archaeology in the University of Glasgow; £2,000 to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, for three annuities to Freeasons of the middle class who have fallen in on necessary circumstances; and the residue, after the payment of other legacies, for a fund to restore buildings of historical and antiquarian interest in Scotland, England, France, Spain, Italy, Germany, and Greece.

Mrs Bell Pettigrew, the Swallowgate, St Andrews, has offered £6000 to the University of St Andrews, for the purpose of providing a museum. The gift is intended to commemorate the long association of her husband with the ancient seat of learning. Some time ago the University Court resolved to combine the erection of a new museum with the enlargement of the present Botanical Gardens, and Mrs Pettigrew's offer will thus aid the intentions of the authorities.

It seems if we were never to come to an end of the proceedings in connection with the Scottish Churches Commission. It is unavoidable, perhaps, through the magnitude of the interests involved and their intricacy. But it is regrettable that every now and then we are presented with a new document which recalls the bitterness that accompanied the Union, the split, and the long litigation. A memorandum has just been issued describing the allocation of funds and property between the United Free and the Free. A general accounting is to follow, and roughly speaking the result is that the Free gets 2467,000 out of a total of two million sterling. This is a large sum for the small body of the "Wee Free," a body which at present lacks the men to fill the churches they have claimed. However, money makes the mare to go, in clerical as in other circles, and doubtless the Free will now find the proper complement of ministers for their pulpits.

The United Free are, of course, hard hit by this allocation. They are issuing an appeal for £150,000 to be devoted to the building fund of the dispossessed congregations in the Highlands.

The Glasgow Ballad Club has garnered a third crop of lyrical and ballad poetry into a desirable little volume. It is the work of ten years out of the thirty-one since the club was founded by the late Mr William Freeland, and while some of the most gifted of the members have died in the interval, since the appearance of the last Ballad Book, it has drawn fresh strength from new contributors, and there are no symptoms of falling off in the flow of rhyme or of lyrical inspiration.

To obtain funds for their programme, several suffragettes have announced their intention of singing in the streets. These are of the horrors of war.

There is an absolutely new story this week, and it treats of one of the mysterious

contradictions of human nature. A church treasurer, supported by an elder, made a call on a wealthy lady on behalf of the indigent ministers' fund, or something of that kind. In the doorway they met the coachman, to whom they disclosed their mission. "Oh yes, in ye gas," said he with a snuff and a lift of the chin; "she'll gie ye a hunder pund, I'm warrant, but as for me, I canna get a new whip out o' her."

Many strange subjects have inspired the minor poet, but never till now has there appeared the annual report of a congregation couched in verse. The criminal is a Glasgow pastor, and he thus addresses his flock of United Free:

"Dear Friends, forgive if I attempt. For once to write in rhyme, I cannot think how otherwise To make it fresh this time."

Throughout forty verses, the minister details the operations of the various agencies of his church; and then says—

"Read on, you'll find on further page, If you care to seek in, The names of your Collectors fair, Your Elder, and your Deacon."

The poetry may not be of high order, but it is bound to give the report a wide circulation; and the rev. gentleman is evidently proud of his effusion, for he writes in conclusion,

"Together now for fourteen years We've trod the Pilgrim Way, And pleased and proud I sign myself Your minister to-day."

CONTRACTS FOR HONGKONG DOCKS.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, March 24.

An order will be given to the Whampoa Dock Company for the construction of two more vessels for the Canton Water Police at a cost of \$24,000 each. Another order will be given to the Kwong Hip Loong of Hongkong for two vessels at \$23,000 each. The vessels are to be completed in six months. The measurement is as follows: 120 ft. long; 18 ft. wide; 14 knots per hour.

THE ROCKING STONE OF AMOY.

(From Our Correspondent.)

AMOY, March 23.

The majority of people must have heard of the famous "Rocking Stone" on the island of Amoy. This is a large stone, peculiarly balanced on another rock, which if it is pushed hard enough will swing in the most astonishing manner. A large party of sailors from the German gun-boats in the harbour were over at the spot on Sunday afternoon, and a number of them started to make the stone rock, and they did it to such good effect that it rocked off, and fell down upon some graves. These were more or less demolished, and the owners of which are now very angry, and are demanding redress and compensation. Considerable ill feeling is being evoked, and the affair may lead to serious consequences.

FORMOSA LOTTERY FARCE.

Winners Retain Money.

It will be remembered, says a Kobo paper of March 14, that last year three persons named Fujikawa Riotoro, Noda Umekichi and Furukawa Yokichi, won a big prize in the Formosa Lottery but were prosecuted in the Osaka Court and sentenced to one month's imprisonment, with a fine of ¥5, the execution of the sentence to be postponed for two years. The Defendants and the Public Prosecutor both appealed against the judgment to the Court of Cassation, the Public Prosecutor appealing because the Osaka Court did not order the confiscation of the money. Judgment was given yesterday dismissing both appeals. As the result, the Defendants are to be imprisoned for a month, the postponement of the execution of the judgment being automatically cancelled in consequence of the appeal, but they will not have to return the money.

A SYLLABLE TYPEWRITER.

Promising Invention.

A syllable-typewriter is now being produced by the Universal Syllable-typewriter Company. According to reports in the daily press a model is made by the Company which if not yet practically, at any rate in principle, solves the problem of reproducing of recurring syllables, as for instance, con, dis, ion, ly, etc. The chief difficulty hitherto has been that on pressing the syllable-keys the carriage had to move as many spaces as there are letters in the syllable. In this new typewriter that difficulty is claimed to have been completely overcome. Moreover the machine is of a size that can be easily carried, being about 26 x 17 x 7 in. The keyboard contains 35 additional keys for syllables. It is therefore rather large, and the operator will require a considerable amount of extra practice.

DO NOT OROWD THE SEASON.

THE first warm days of spring bring with them a desire to get out and enjoy the exhilarating air and sunshine. Children that have been huddled up all winter are brought out and you wonder where they all came from. The heavy winter clothing is thrown aside, a cold wave comes and influenza is prevalent. Colds at this season are even more dangerous than in mid-winter, as there is much more danger of pneumonia. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, however, and you will have nothing to fear. It always cures, and counteracts any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by Mr. Figg of the Hongkong Observatory:— On the 25th at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer has risen in E. Japan; and fallen over China, particularly in the North.

A depression has appeared over the Lower Yangtze. It will probably move Eastwards. A pressure is relatively high over the Pacific to the South of Japan.

Gradients continue slight, and light or moderate variable winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel, and moderate E. winds over the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow.

Forecast, District.

1.—Hongkong and Neighborhood: Variable winds, light or moderate; fair.

2.—Formosa Channel, Same as No. 1.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lantau. Same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. Same as No. 1.

COMMERCIAL.

The price for silk has declined since October last to from \$1,000 to \$800 which is the quotation ruling at present. In the absence of orders from foreign markets, a further decline is feared. The native dealers are pessimistic and state that if a revival of business does not make itself apparent before the maturity of the loan fixed for six months the situation will be serious.

CRISIS IN JAPAN.

Thus the "Kobe Herald" of March 14: Owing to the failure of several banks and the runs on others, the money market is still very strained. More failures of general merchants have been reported and the general opinion is that the trouble is by no means over. As a rule large amounts of deposits are withdrawn toward the end of each month and loans are sought, the money being paid back in the earlier part of the following month. The strained condition of the market of late, however, has resulted in applications being made for advances even up to the middle of the month and there is a falling off of deposits too. This demand for funds may be partly due to the calls for various taxes; but the principal cause is to be found in the anxiety to be prepared for emergencies. Bank failures have grown so common that there is a marked feeling of mistrust abroad. Not only is the general public in want of funds, but most of the banks have been running to the Bank of Japan for protection and assistance.

AMERICAN TRADE OUTLOOK.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.

The business sky remains very clouded. Although the usual preparations for the spring trade show a special activity to regain lost ground, the utmost caution is observed in almost every class of manufacture. Philadelphia is under a spell of stagnation, the railway equipment yards being almost idle, as no orders for locomotives are forthcoming. Where workmen have been re-engaged, their numbers are still far below last year's busy requirements. New England reports say that thirty mills of the American Woollen Company are about to resume full time, but the managers really find the greatest difficulty in avoiding total closing unless a market can be found abroad to make up for reluctance here to buy. The president of the American Woollen Company states that there is nothing in the present situation to warrant restarting full time. The last day or two have been a little better, but 65 per cent. of machinery is still idle and many railways are reducing their train services.

THE ANGLO-JAPANESE ALLIANCE.

A Commemorative Meeting.

A gathering to celebrate the anniversary of the conclusion of the original Anglo-Japanese Treaty of Alliance was held at the official residence of Count Hayashi, the Foreign Minister, on March 12 when among those present were all the Ministers of State, Admiral Togo, Sir Claude MacDonald, the British Ambassador, and other members of the Embassy staff. Count Hayashi proposed "Banzai" for King Edward and Sir Claude MacDonald led cheers for the Emperor of Japan. The meeting had been postponed from Feb. 12.

THE INGENIOUS JAPANESE.

Forging Colour-Prints.

Japanese forgeries of colour-prints says the "Japan Chronicle," are now engaging attention in London. The London correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian" quotes an authority as saying that there never was a time when so many forgeries of this kind were made. He hears from another source that a large consignment of them will probably be placed on the English market very shortly. "The ingenuity," he remarks, "that the Japanese display in this nefarious trade is astonishing. The blocks are cut from old prints in just the same way as the originals were made. The greatest care is taken in watching the colours and in the choice of genuine old paper, when it can be got, on which to take the impressions. Then tea and coffee and tobacco are used to make deceivingly real life imitations. This process is simply as follows: The prints are marked with honey where it is desired that they should be eaten. How dangerous even to the collector of some skill these prints may be can be imagined. The Japanese are certainly acquiring an unpleasant reputation for ingenious forgeries, though the Philistine will be inclined to wonder if modern colour-prints which are produced in exactly the same way and subjected to similar processes are not to all intents and purposes as good as those which have the quality of age. But this, we are afraid, is merely rank heresy!"

CATHARINE.

By L. Parry Truscott. T. Werner Laurie, London.

The sex problem has not yet lost its attraction for some writers, amongst them the author of "Catherine." That is not to say that this book is to be classed among the prurient volumes which a certain class of female writers has been issuing of late. But the story centres round the sudden awakening to the meaning of life of a girl dedicated to convent life by an artist who essays to satisfy his curiosity without counting the probable cost. The girl in her innocence and ignorance takes a few passionate words he had spoken almost involuntarily absolutely literally and flies from her home to his lodgings. Fortunately the artist is absent but she has so compromised herself that her own home is closed to her. To go further into the plot would be unfair to the author and to the reader. The book is decidedly well-written and we have no doubt will be popular.

THE LIGHT KEYS.

By Peter Rosegger. T. Fisher Unwin, London.

This is a powerful book and is more by way of being a human document than many of the works which are so described. The story is one of a Roman Catholic priest who has offended his superiors by writing in too advanced a manner. To punish him he is sent up to an isolated parish hidden away in the Alps. The well told story of his wonderful devotion to duty, his unceasing endeavour to fulfil his trust and exalt his faith, is pathetic reading. Almost every effort of his to do good is depicted and one by one he sees the dreams he cherished frustrated by the march of events. His little mountain village becomes a popular health resort; it is linked to the outer world by railway and huge foundries and factories are started. Gradually the peace and innocence of the place as he found it are replaced by turmoil and wealth-hunger, and his flock one by one fall from grace to ruin, disgrace or death. The poor old priest blames himself for the callous processes of evolution and eventually loses his reason. The author has a really remarkable knowledge of the people and region he describes, knowledge which must have been gained at first-hand.

LADY LEE.

By Florence Warden. T. Werner Laurie, London.

Miss Warden's books are always welcome but hardly think that this volume will add much to her reputation. One tale is well told of course but the presentation of some Society must, assuredly, be too highly coloured. The story opens promisingly with an escape from Dorchester but it develops poorly. The end is melodramatic and unconvincing. For an idle hour the book can be recommended but not as a library friend.

THE WHITE WEDDING.

By M. P. Shiel. T. Werner Laurie, London.

Here is a book to rejoice the reviewer's heart. To do that a book must be either unusually good or abnormally bad. In the first instance his duty becomes a positive pleasure, in the second he soon realises that he may save himself much waste of time. The books that give the most trouble are those which just miss. They lead the reviewer on, hoping and trusting that a reward will at last be his. When the reader knows that "The White Wedding" is by Mr Shiel it should be sufficient to satisfy him that the book is worth while. It is more than that, it is so well worth while that anyone missing it is losing a great pleasure. The pivot on which the tale swings is the love which surpasses the love of women. This is borne by one Shiao O'Shaunee for Arthur Goodridge, his social superior, for Arthur is owner of the estate and Shiao but head-gardener. But they are both young and having spent their boyhood together in the pursuit of game, etc., there is a strong bond of friendship between them. Arthur has joined the Army and goes away for five years. It is to be feared that during that period his recollection of the humble friend of his boyhood waxes dim. With Shiao it is not so—the boy who was his hero is still his hero when the boy has grown to manhood. Then the woman comes. Shiao fights Arthur and devastates him, breaking several of his ribs and nearly his own heart for doing so. The fight is fought in misapprehension of Arthur's motive, the girl being beloved him in birth. Learning that his views are honourable and also that Mrs Goodridge, an autocratic and scheming old lady is desirous to marry the girl to him (Shiao) while Arthur is away at the Boer War, which has opportunely or inopportunely broken out, Shiao at first refuses. When, however, he finds that if he does not marry her the unhappy girl will be banished to China and being intent upon redeeming his promise to Arthur to keep her safely for him until he returns Shiao marries her. The reader must learn for himself how this seeming tragedy was the most beautiful and noble romance. How Shiao continued to keep a "White Wife" for Arthur and how he had to fight more deadly battles than any his hero took part in is the author's secret. The reader must find out for himself and if he neglects to do so he will miss one of the best books of this publishing season.

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MAITA.....8000	April 18	HIMALAYA.....7000	May 16	May 23
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MAITA.....8000	July 11	CHINA.....8000	Aug. 9	Aug. 16
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CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship KOREA.

The above mentioned Steamer having arrived, the Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery from Hongkong, where each consignment will be discharged at once, at Consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after WEDNESDAY, 25th March, 1908, at 6 p.m., will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

All cargo undelivered by Noon, MONDAY, March 30th, 1908, will be subject to test.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 24th inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 26th inst., at 11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

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THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER PERA.

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No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Co.'s representative at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

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THE EMPIRE IN FIGURES.

A Decade's Increase.

The fourth number of the "Statistical Abstract for the British Empire," a convenient summary of information collected from numerous Blue-books and returns, was published officially on Feb. 19. It gives for the years 1892 to 1906 the leading figures relating to the trade, shipping, production and consumption of the United Kingdom and its Colonies and Dependencies. Some new features have been introduced, among the added tables being those showing the value of food supplies, beer, condensed milk, tobacco, and various manufactured articles exported from the Empire to foreign countries. The values of the exports of the undermentioned articles during 1906, were approximately as follows:—

Animals for food ... £1,065,000

Beer and ale ... 736,000

Butter ... 420,000

